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TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1916.

War Office,
22nd January, 1916.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers and Men:—

No. 1665 Corporal Alfred Alexander Burt, 1st Battalion, Hertfordshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For most conspicuous bravery at Quinchy on 27th September, 1915.

His company had lined the front trench preparatory to an attack when a large minenwerfer bomb fell into the trench. Corporal Burt, who well knew the destructive power of this class of bomb, might easily have got under cover behind a traverse, but he immediately went forward, put his foot on the fuse, wrenched it out of the bomb and threw it over the parapet, thus rendering the bomb innocuous.

His presence of mind and great pluck saved the lives of others in the traverse.

No. 9730 Private John Caffrey, 2nd Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery on 16th November, 1915, near La Brique.

A man of the West Yorkshire Regiment had been badly wounded and was lying in the open unable to move in full view of and about 300 to 400 yards from the enemy's trenches. Corporal Stirk, Royal Army Medical Corps, and Private Caffrey at once started out to rescue him, but at the first attempt they were driven back by shrapnel fire. Soon afterwards they started again under close sniping and machine-gun fire, and succeeded in reaching and bandaging the wounded man, but, just as Corporal Stirk had lifted him on Private Caffrey's back, he himself was shot in the head.

Private Caffrey put down the wounded man, bandaged Corporal Stirk and helped him back into safety. He then returned and brought in the man of the West Yorkshire Regiment. He had made three journeys across the open under close and accurate fire and had risked his own life to save others with the utmost coolness and bravery.